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# LHI Newsletter

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## Marching for Missions

March is the time for our annual “March”ing for Missions emphasis throughout our churches. As in the past, we are highlighting a few of our mission fields. This year, the fields are Africa (Malawi, Mozambique, and Kenya), Haiti, Pakistan, and the UP Project. We want to provide an update on what is happening around the world. In each of these fields we are focusing on: Problem Solving, Partnering, the People being served, the Person who is in charge of the field, Promotion of the field, the Problem or need that needs to be met, and Partnering—who LHI is working with to meet the needs. Our thanks to LHI Board Member Andy Cisneros who directed the preparation of the material, with help from Graysen Pack, Dave Kizer, and Bob Huddlestun.

A packet of information has been sent to each pastor and mission chairperson in each of our churches. The packet includes a poster and information sheets to post on a bulletin board, and brochures to make available to those who are interested. You can request more brochures by e-mail to: [dkrogh@abc-coggc.org](mailto:dkrogh@abc-coggc.org)

An e-mail with a link to a video that can be shown in your church has also been sent to all pastors and mission chairpersons. If your church prefers a CD, we can send one.

Thanks to all of you for your interest in mission work and for your efforts to make sure that the information provided is shared with your congregation.

## Haiti

The United States State Department has issued a warning against Americans traveling to Haiti. They mention that there is special risk on the roads leading from the airport into Port-au-Prince. With reluctance, the Mission Board has decided to postpone a trip to Haiti to construct the building funded with the current Church Builders Appeal. We are thankful for all who have generously contributed to this appeal. The funds will be held and as soon as it is safe to send a team the building will be constructed.



## Pakistan



Plans are being developed to send a couple to Pakistan soon to visit our pastors and churches. Because of security concerns we have been advised not to discuss specific dates and names until after they return. They recently met with staff to discuss the information that needs to be secured. Please pray for the preparation for this trip and for safety and effective ministry. (over)

## Africa Trip

Joe and Rebekah Martin are preparing to go to Malawi, Mozambique, and Kenya at the end of this semester. Applications have been received from several others for this trip. The plan is to add two additional members to this team.

## LHI Board Met

The LHI Board met in Atlanta last December for its annual meeting. We were glad to welcome new board members, Rick McClain representing the General Conference Board of Directors, and Pastor Andy Cisneros, and Kim Raper. Below is a summary of the minutes.

### **Lord's Harvest International Board of Directors Meeting December 7, 8, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. Present were Board Members Kim Raper, Judy Myers, Rebekah Martin, Rick McClain, and Warren Sorenson. (Andy Cisneros was delayed in his arrival and David Krogh was at the hospital with his grandson Colton Briggs.)

Welcome and call to order by Judy Myers. Rebekah Martin led devotions and a time of prayer.

Warren moved and Rebekah Martin seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Sept. 12-14, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.

### **Financial Reports**

Current financial reports were reviewed. There was discussion about the deficit in the Haiti earthquake and famine relief fund. Since a limited amount of money is coming into this fund, we will need to cut back on the amount being sent each month.

Korea - We commend Steve An and his staff for all their efforts with the Korean students and for the contacts Steve makes with our churches in South Korea.

Mexico - Reviewed the report from Rachel Carr and noted that we are thankful for how much detail she kept as she continually stays in contact with Lupe.

Philippines - We are thankful for how Larry Rankin visits the field and oversees the work there.

Mission month - We have really appreciated Marcia Railton's work on the mission month promotion in the past.

Up Project - We are so thankful to see the youth excited about missions.

LHI Newsletters - Thanks to David for doing a great job with putting out the LHI newsletters

Question that was discussed: The Great Commission is a command not a suggestion. Is the Biblical foundation being taught to the younger generation? How do we do this effectively?  
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## Minutes (continued)

The meeting resumed on Saturday morning with Andy Cisneros and David Krogh joining the meeting. David opened the meeting with prayer.

David reported on Pakistan and a change in plans for the survey trip. We are working with a couple who are willing to go as our representatives. For security reasons we have been advised not to mention the names of those going or the exact timeframe until they return to the United States.

David briefly reported on Peru. Victor and Jodi Werhanowicz have not yet returned from their trip to teach Victorious Christian Living to the congregation in Lima.

### **Trip Proposals:**

Africa – May 28 to June 30, 2013 – go to Malawi, Mozambique, and Kenya. The team will be made up of no more than four people – Joe and Rebekah Martin will be team leaders. Those who go need to come home as strong advocates of missions in their church, in their state conference, and in other churches. Warren moved and Andy seconded that the Africa trip be approved as presented. Motion carried. The cost will be \$5,000 to \$6,000 per person.

Peru – Depending on the report from the Werhanowiczs, a team may possibly go in the spring or fall of 2013. Rebekah and Warren moved to approve trip. Motion carried. \$1,200 per person from Atlanta is the estimated cost. (Since the meeting we have received a good report from Victor and Jodi Werhanowicz so it has been decided to wait until fall to send a team.)

Haiti – Several people have expressed an interest in being a part of this team. The purpose will be to construct another building. The current Church Builders Appeal is for this building. The team will go in February or March. (As noted above, we are postponing this trip because of security issues.) Warren moved that the Haiti project be approved and that workers from here be in charge of the project. David seconded. Motion carried.

Promotion – We will update the LHI website for current information and will post trip reports as they occur. We will also list other countries where we have contacts. Kim will create a Facebook page for LHI. All of us will provide information to Kim for updates.

Warren and Andy moved not to accept 7 Kenyan churches into conference at this time. Motion carried. We will continue to monitor commitment to ministry and agreement with our doctrinal statement.

After further discussion of the financial report, Rebekah and Warren moved to accept it as presented. Motion carried.

Rental hall in Kenya. – We will continue with one rental already approved. Meetings have stopped at the other hall, so support will be discontinued.

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## Minutes (continued)

We received a request for funding for trips to 8 outlying areas in Kenya. Rick and Warren moved to provide \$200 per trip for 8 trips to outlying areas. Motion carried.

We have a request for a motorcycle from the leaders in Kenya. David and Rick moved to buy one at a cost of about \$1,500. Motion carried.

Bible request for Kenya. Rick moved to spend up to \$1,000 for Bibles. These will be purchased this summer when the team goes. Kim seconded. Motion carried.

We will get more information about what is involved in registering the COGAF in Kenya.

Micro-business – James Nyangute would like to start a grocery business. Andy will promote this \$2,000 need with the Up Project.

Warren and Andy moved to buy a motorbike for Pastor Neva in Mozambique. Motion carried. The team will take money next summer.

The projects above will all be funded from the Africa Undesignated (#4100) account.

\$14,500 has been received toward the Haiti Church Builders Appeal in the first 6 weeks of the Appeal.

Rick moved to cut aid to Haiti back to \$1,500 per month effective in January for the coming year. Motion seconded by Warren. Motion carried. Andy will come up with some projects that the people can work on to make money to help fund some of the work in Haiti and the school.

Mexico, we will continue to send \$300 per month to Lupe Badillo as long as the funds are available. Andy moved and David seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Rebekah and Andy moved to cut aid to the Rashid family to \$250 per month beginning in January and when we receive the report from the survey trip, we will reevaluate. Funding to each congregation will also be reevaluated after the visit. Motion carried.

Andy provided information about the UP Project – the goal is to train and equip young people spiritually, emotionally, and financially, to do ministry. UP:Lift is a subsidiary of the Up Project which focuses on promoting Church of God missions and ministries and to raise funds.

Andy Cisneros, Graysen Pack, and Julie Driskill are leaders. Dan Cain is in charge of funds. UP:Lift is operated by youth leadership; The Up Project is directed by adults leadership.

Students who participate must write testimonies. They are posted on the UP:Project website. To participate the students must be involved in their local church ministry. Reference from someone who knows the student is also required. The fee to participate is \$300. (over)

## Minutes (continued)

There are about a dozen people in UP:Lift. It is for those going into 8<sup>th</sup> grade to college. The age may change to going into high school instead of 8th grade. Their website is: [www.theupproject.org](http://www.theupproject.org).

To help with promotion for Missions Month, we will prepare posters/PowerPoint presentations about the various fields to send out to churches. We will ask Graysen Pack to be involved in preparing these. We will create a DropBox to put mission photos into for easy retrieval.

For Marching for Missions we will highlight Haiti, Pakistan, Africa (Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique), and the Up Project. Andy and Bob Huddlestun have already prepared some material that addresses the "Ps" of our fields: people, problems, purpose, place, program, and partners.

Andy and the Timberland Church will serve as a model of what kind of mission involvement we would like to have in each of our churches. We will also prepare a box of mission materials to send to all churches. United States churches will be matched up with churches overseas. A mission moment each Sunday or once a month will be encouraged.

Shoebox ministry – we can provide numbers of children if churches want to provide these to children in our fields for Christmas. But each church will need to pack and ship their boxes.

We discussed the value of appointing non Board members to help us oversee our mission fields. They will be people who have visited the field and have expertise and interest in the field.

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 13 and 14, 2013 in Atlanta.

When Andy and Kim joined the Board, according to the recommendation adopted by the delegates, one of the positions would be for a one year term and the other for a two year term. Previously a decision had not been made as to who would have which term. It was moved by David and Rebekah that Andy fill the one year term and Kim the two year term. Motion carried. Rebekah and David then moved that Andy be reappointed at the end of his one year term to a two year term. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted,

David Krogh, Secretary